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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
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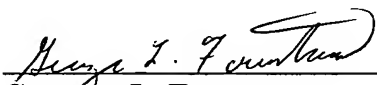
Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 20 claims (pages 19).
2. 2 Sheets of Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-3.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (**unexecuted**).
4. Application Data Sheet
5. Certified copy of Priority Document filed in Germany on December 16, 2002, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
6. Information Disclosure Statement with 11 references.
7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee						\$385/770	=	\$770.00
Total Claims	<u>20</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$9/18	= \$
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